

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. HOUSE PRINCIPLES ANALYSIS:

This bill does not appear to implicate any of the House Principles.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Current Situation

Chapter 15, F.S., designates official state emblems. It contains 34 state designations, included in those designations are an official state opera program and the official state band¹. Chapter 15 does not contain a designation for an official state orchestra.

The Florida Orchestra was founded in 1968 as the Florida Gulf Coast Symphony; a combination of the Tampa Philharmonic and the St. Petersburg Symphony. The Florida Orchestra is in its 40th season of performances, and employs a full orchestra of over 80 professional musicians. Based in the Tampa Bay area, the Florida Orchestra participates in the community through education and outreach programs, many of which are integrated into public school district curricula. The orchestra offers over 130 performances a year. Fifty of these performances are free and are held throughout the season reaching 40,000 students, including large percentages of minority and low-income children.

The American Symphony Orchestra League includes 31 Florida orchestras as its members.² The American Symphony Orchestra League has established tiers to categorize Orchestras by budget size and characteristics.³ The tiers serve as a means of grouping similar orchestras and encourage the sharing of ideas on the many similar issues they face, they do not seek to define the quality of the orchestra. The Florida Orchestra is considered a Tier 2 Orchestra, with an operating budget of \$10.8 million. According to the American Symphony Orchestra League, this is the largest operating budget of any Florida orchestra, although The Jacksonville Symphony, The Naples Philharmonic and The New World Symphony fall within the same tier grouping established. The Florida Orchestra also employs over 80 full time musicians, the largest number of any orchestra in Florida.

Proposed Changes

The bill designates the Florida Orchestra as the official state orchestra.

¹ These are: the state motto, seal, flag, fruit, tree, beverage, citrus archive, shell, stone, gem, wildflower, play, animal, freshwater fish, saltwater fish, marine mammal, saltwater mammal, butterfly, reptile, air fair, rodeo, festival, moving image center and archive, litter control symbol, pageant, opera program, renaissance festival, railroad museums, transportation museum, soil, fiddle contest, band, Sports Hall of Fame, pie, and maritime museum.

² Coconut Grove-Alhambra Orchestra, Coral Gables-Fundacion Orquesta Sinfonica Nacional, Fort Myers-Southwest Florida Symphony, Fort Pierce -Atlantic Classical Orchestra, Hollywood-Florida Youth Orchestra Inc., Jacksonville-Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra, Jacksonville Symphony Youth Orchestra, Lakeland-Imperial Symphony Orchestra, Longwood-Florida Young Artists Orchestra, Melbourne-Brevard Symphony Orchestra & Brevard Symphony Youth Orchestra, Miami-Greater Miami Youth Symphony & South Florida Youth Symphony, Miami Beach-New World Symphony, Naples Philharmonic; Niceville-Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra, Ocala -Central Florida Symphony Orchestra, Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra, Pensacola Symphony Orchestra, Punta Gorda-Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, Sarasota-Florida West Coast Symphony Orchestra, Florida West Coast Youth Orchestra, Pinellas Youth Symphony, Okaloosa-Walton Youth Symphony, Tallahassee-Big Bend Community Orchestra, Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra & Tallahassee Symphony Youth Orchestra, Tampa-Patel Conservatory Youth Orchestra, Venice Symphony, Youth Orchestra of Palm Beach County Inc., Winter Park-Florida Symphony Youth Orchestra.

³ American Symphony Orchestra League
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C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1 creates s. 15.0443 F.S., designating the Florida Orchestra as the official state orchestra.

Section 2 provides the bill will take effect upon becoming law.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

This bill does not create, modify, amend, or eliminate a state revenue source.

2. Expenditures:

This bill does not create, modify, amend, or eliminate local expenditures.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None. This bill does not create, modify, amend, or eliminate a local revenue source.

2. Expenditures:

None. This bill does not create, modify, amend, or eliminate a local revenue source.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

This bill does not require counties or municipalities to spend funds or to take an action requiring the expenditure of funds. This bill does not reduce the percentage of a state tax shared with counties or municipalities. This bill does not reduce the authority that municipalities have to raise revenue.

2. Other:

None

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

D. STATEMENT OF THE SPONSOR

Currently, the Florida Orchestra is the only major orchestra in the state and it deserves the recognition of being named the state orchestra. This is an exciting time for music lovers everywhere!

IV. AMENDMENTS/COUNCIL SUBSTITUTE CHANGES